



# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

## SAFETY

Historically, arterials such as Division Street have had accident rates of up to 3½ times that of a facility similar to the proposed North Spokane Corridor. As traffic continues to increase in neighborhoods and school zones, there is an increasing potential for accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists. Upon the completion of this corridor project, it has been estimated there will be a reduction of over 700 accidents per year. This reduction translates into a societal cost savings of over \$22 million per year.

## CAPACITY

The North Spokane Corridor will ultimately provide a four to eight lane, fully controlled, limit access corridor. Upon its completion, our region will enjoy a transportation facility that will carry up to 150,000 vehicles per day.

## JOBS

Federal Highway Administration research shows that for every million dollars spent on highway construction 42 jobs are supported across the nation, of which 25 jobs would be supported within Washington State. Assuming \$60 million per year for 10 years, 2,520 jobs annually would be supported by the construction of the NSC, 1,500 of these new jobs would be here in Washington State.

## AIR QUALITY

Planning towards the future, the North Spokane Corridor is included in the Region's Transportation and Conformity Plan for air quality attainment. The Spokane metropolitan area has been declared a non-attainment area for carbon monoxide (CO). Most of the CO violations are within the City of Spokane, heightening the need for a new facility that would reduce congestion. Cars traveling at low speeds in stop-and-go traffic are a primary contributor to CO violations. According to modeling done by the Spokane Regional Traffic Council, the North Spokane Corridor will decrease regional emissions by 3.6% equating to 2.4 million pounds of CO emissions each year.